

April 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Giles County School Board was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2016 in the School Administration Office Building Conference Room. No closed meeting was held. Persons present were:

Marion C. Ballard
Eric G. Gentry
Drema K. McMahon, Chairman
Stephen M. Steele, Vice Chairman
Mark A. Wilburn

Dr. Terry E. Arbogast II, Superintendent
Amanda J. Tickle, School Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Superintendent's April 21, 2016 School Board Meeting Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Professional Advisory Council, the following were recognized for their Outstanding Efforts and Continued Support: Gail Austin – MMS, Kim Squibb – MMS, Diana Blanton – GHS, Lisa Johnston – EEMS, Darlene Powell - EEMS, Angela Rice – EEMS, Patience Sheetz – EEMS, Sharon Wilson – EEMS, Dorothy Williams – EEMS, Tammy McGuire – EEMS, Angie Martin – EEMS, Rebecca Hurt – EEMS, Teresa Link – EEMS, Harmony Sexton – EEMS, Debbie Poff – EEMS, Suzanne Woodward – Family Preservation

On behalf of the School Board, Celanese (Bob Hubble, Tony Martin, Joseph Lucas, Steve McClaugherty, Ronnie Jones, John Kinney) and Patrick Enterprises (Mark Collins, Ray Martin, Dwight Collins) were presented with a plaque as part of the 2016 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll.

On behalf of the School Board, Ms. Lynn Williams was presented with a plaque for being a finalist for the 2016 McGlothlin Awards for Teaching Excellence and also for being named the 2016 VA DAR Teacher of American History.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

The Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following consent items:

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Regular – March 17, 2016
2. Special – March 15th, March 21st

B. Financial Data

1. Payrolls to include March 31st and April 15th, 2016
2. Payment of Bills to include March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, 2016
3. March 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Reports
4. Local Plan Update/Career and Technical Education Funds
5. Confirmation of Educational Technology Resolution
6. Special Education Annual Plan
7. Appropriation Request for May 2016

TO: Christopher McKlamey
Interim Administrator for Giles County
FR: Dr. Terry E. Arbogast, II
Division Superintendent
RE: May 2016 Appropriation

The following is the appropriation request for the month of May 2016. This is for the eleventh month of the fiscal year 2015-16. I would appreciate the Board's consideration of this request. The request for the operating budget is consistent with the approved operating budget submitted by the School Board.

**Original Monthly Appropriation Request:
(Operating + Flow-thru)**

\$ 1,879,651.50

Total:

\$ 1,879,651.50

This request is one-twelfth of the operating budget and includes the anticipated monthly expenditures in the flow-thru account. Our year to date appropriation and expenditures are contained in the monthly summary. If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Michele Thompson, Director of Special Education, spoke to the School Board about a few things that are going on in her department. She first thanked the teacher assistants for all they do each and every day! She stated that April is Autism Awareness Month. She distributed Autism awareness buttons and pens to School Board members. In addition, she discussed several fundraisers that were/are being done for a student at Macy with special needs. Mrs. Thompson also discussed the preschool programs and what is going on in the classes, including activities and learning materials.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. The Superintendent recommended action and Board approval of the following personnel/contractual items:

1. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Resignations:** Sandra Jennings – Special Education Teacher (June 6th), Scott Meade – Asst. Supt. for Curriculum (April 1st), Chastity Fontaine – LPN Instructor (June 6th)
2. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Retirements:** Forest Fowler – GTC Principal (January 1st, 2017), Teresa Smith – Teacher Assistant (June 6th)
3. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, confirmed the following **Volunteer Agreements:** Tracy Freeman – GHS Track & Field
4. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the 2015-2016 Substitute List to Date.
5. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the following **Employment:** Transfer of Melissa Perdue from NHS to MMS (16-17)

B. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved policy revisions as recommended by VSBA and Administration.

C. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the Price, Tickle and Akers memorial scholarships.

D. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Ballard, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the following Textbook Adoption: Cengage Learning: Foundations of Astronomy; ISBN# 978-1-305-07915-1.

E. The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Steele and unanimous voting, approved a new coaching evaluation. Mr. Steele asked who would administer this new evaluation. Dr. Arbogast stated that it would be administered by the principals and activities coordinator after the season. Mr. Gentry asked to have a break down/summary after each season (on a board level).

CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Mr. Ballard congratulated Ms. Lynn Williams for being a finalist for the McGlothlin Awards. He also commended the key note speaker for that event.

Mr. Ballard commended the STEMposium at GHS. It was a huge crowd out there!

Mr. Steele stated that he spent a day this week with the cafeteria ladies at EEMS. He stated they are “unsung heroes”. He thanked them for all they do!

Mr. Steele discussed the coaches’ evaluation form. He stated the reason for this evaluation form is to document what they do to make a difference in

a child's life. This is a way for them to take note of the good things they do. It is a positive purpose!

Mr. Wilburn stated the STEMposium was great! The kids had a blast!

Mr. Wilburn was able to go to EEMS this past week to hear the choir (MMS & EEMS). Mr. Riley does a great job!

Mr. Gentry discussed the Ag Lab. He stated that we have an active farm. Both classes from GHS and NHS are up there every week! It is such a wonderful program!

Mr. Gentry stated that he attended Macy Career Day and had a blast!

Mr. Gentry stated that he has had an opportunity to attend track meets. We have some really good athletes.

Mrs. McMahon was fortunate enough to attend the Chef's Dinner at the Palisades. She was able to present details about our summer food program. It was very well received by the group there. Shana Muldoon gives a large portion of the proceeds to our summer food program

Mrs. McMahon stated that the STEMposium was wonderful!

Mrs. McMahon commented on Kelsey Holt (student at GHS working on her Girl Scout Gold Award). Her idea was to bring an anti-bullying program to our students. She was able to do that with some assistance from GHS staff members. Congratulations to Kelsey!

Mrs. McMahon congratulated all the GTC students who competed in State SkillsUSA.

Mrs. McMahon expressed her appreciation to Barbara Perkins and Muneris for coming to do a presentation regarding Medicare.

Dr. Arbogast stated that enrollment is at 2,372 as of today.

Dr. Arbogast discussed winners for the District and State SkillsUSA and HOSA. They are as follows:

Name of Contest Contests Hosted by Botetourt Technical Center	GILES COUNTY TECHNOLOGY CENTER Contestant Names (all secondary contestants)
Automotive Service Technology	Andrew Bragg - First Place
Information Technology (formerly Computer Maintenance Technology)	Austin Carillo - First Place Nicholas Carter - Second Place Austin Johnson - Third Place
Essay	Andrea Carter - Second Place
Electrical Construction Wiring	Timothy Tawney - Third Place
Internetworking	Douglas Good - First Place
Metals	Dustin Boothe - Second Place
Occupational Scrapbook (Team)	

	Karissa Robbins & Olivia Bane - First Place
Poster	Paul Marquez - First Place Alec Hagee - Second Place Janna Williams - Third Place
Promotional Bulletin Board	Kari Croy - First Place
Promotional Flyer	Andrea Carter - First Place
Spelling	Andrea Carter - Third Place
Building Tech Team Works (Team of 4)	Taylor Land, Benjamin Pratt, Joseph Sheets, Timothy Tawney- Third Place
Welding	Jacob Perdue - First Place

Also competing at State SkillsUSA (there were no competitions held at district level)

Engineering Technology Teams

Team A - Paul Marquez, Ethan Harless and Andrew Cox

Team B - Isaac Payne, Kari Croy and Dayton Brown

Principles of Engineering Team

Alec Hagee and Landon Porterfield

CNC Technician - Lucas Reed

CNC Turning Specialist - Austin Turner

Name of Contest	State SkillsUSA Results 2016	Place
Occupational Scrapbook	Karissa Robbins	Silver
Poster	Paul Marquez	Silver
Spelling	Andrea Carter	Silver
Welding	Jacob Perdue	Bronze
Engineering Technology Teams	Team A - Paul Marquez, Ethan Harless and Andrew Cox	Silver
	Team B - Isaac Payne, Kari Croy and Landon Porterfield	Gold
Precision Machining Contests	Austin Turner - CNC Turning Specialist	Silver
	Lucas Reed - Precision Machining Technology	Gold
Technical Drafting Technical Exam	Andrew Cox	Bronze
	Ethan Harless	Bronze
	Andrea Carter	Silver
	Isaac Payne	Bronze

Results for State HOSA competitions:

Kelsey Guy - Extemporaneous Poster
3rd Place

Sylvia Shipman - Clinical Nursing
1st Place

Shaina Palmer - Medical Photography
1st Place

Kacie Dillon & Kaitlin Huff - Health
Education Team
1st Place

Dr. Arbogast stated that we had a federal cafeteria audit the beginning of April. From the cafeteria audit, there were no findings that resulted in corrective action. From talking to Ms. Clark that did the audit, she was very complimentary of the work being done in the cafeterias. He thanked EEMS, who participated in the audit, as well as Mrs. Lawson for all of their hard work!

Dr. Arbogast discussed GHS FBLA results. Congratulations to these individuals! They are as follows:

Nick Carter- Computer Problem Solving 3rd place

Amanda Akers- Personal Finance: Participant

Braelyn Simpkins- Business Calculations: Participant

Community Service Project Report: 4th Place (**Cortney Riggs, Morgan Harding, Sophie Steele**).

Round 1 place in final top 10 at state; Round 2 Presentation received 4th place among the top 5.

Local Annual Chapter Business Report: Earned our chapter Gold Seal Status. Prepared by Harley Sanders, Haley Keffer, and Amanda Akers.

Who's Who in FBLA: Camber Thornhill served as State Reporter 2015-2016 and was awarded Who's who in FBLA at the VA FBLA State Leadership Conference.

Vice President at Large: Camber Thornhill was elected and installed as the VA State FBLA Vice President at Large and Mrs. Tabitha Young will serve as her state advisor.

Dr. Arbogast stated that if you haven't received a pamphlet on the VPI Plus Consortium meeting from Michele Thompson, please get one.

Dr. Arbogast commended NHS (Teresa Lowe & Gayle Kirby) for landing in the top 100 for W!SE certification attainment in the nation!

Dr. Arbogast stated that we had 3 articles published in VSBA Showcases for Success directory.

Dr. Arbogast discussed preliminary SOL writing results. Really good start! Congratulations!

Dr. Arbogast commended the STEMposium held by Mrs. Martin.

Dr. Arbogast shared information about the Giles County Appalachian Trail Postcard Design Contest. Winners are as follows:
Hand Drawn – Jasmine Wood, Micah Riley, Sarah Church; Photography – Carrie Scott, Hannah Ratcliffe and Makenna Dowdy

Dr. Arbogast stated that he shared information with the board about the proposed bandwidth upgrade. He wants to make sure the board is comfortable with the upgrade. Mr. Gentry suggested that maybe Mr. Law from PEMTEL look at the agreement to make sure everything was okay (legally).

Dr. Arbogast stated that the K-12 student art show is at GHS from May 10-13. A reception will be held on Wednesday, May 11th from 6-7 at GHS.

Dr. Arbogast stated that we are hosting a Youth Mental Health/First Training on Thursday, June 9th from 8-5.

IN OTHER ACTION...

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Gentry and unanimous voting, approved the Employment of Amberly Westermeyer – GHS Band (16-17).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the increase of cafeteria meal prices by .10 for 2016-2017. Dr. Arbogast stated that the reason behind it is to maintain the fiscal soundness of our cafeterias. It was recommended by the federal auditor.

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Steele, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, approved the Resignation of Jared Rader (effective end of 2015-2016 school year).

The School Board, on motion of Mr. Gentry, with second by Mr. Wilburn and unanimous voting, approved the Resignation of Jessica Jewell (EEMS Teacher) – currently on Leave of Absence.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board Meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman, on motion of Mr. Wilburn, with second by Mr. Ballard and unanimous voting, adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk